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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS A-348

B. EC BRUSSELS A-282

C. EC BRUSSELS A-210

D. EC BRUSSELS 5371 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. ON SEPTEMBER 20 COMMISSIONERS SPINELLI

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AND GUNDELACH ADDRESSED THE EC COUNCIL ON THE SUBJECT

OF THE COMMISSION'S MEMORANDUM ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY.
(THE MEMORANDUM WAS TRANSMITTED WITH REF C.) THE COUNCIL
REQUESTED THAT THE COMMISSION FORWARD TO IT
FORMAL PROPOSALS ON AN INDUSTRIAL POLICY PROGRAM PRIOR
TO NOVEMBER 1 SO THAT THE COUNCIL COULD ADOPT THE
PROGRAM BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1974 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
1972 PARIS SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. SPINELLI DESCRIBED THE MEMORANDUM AS PROVIDING AN
OVERALL PERSPECTIVE ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND
REPRESENTING A FIRST STEP IN THE EXECUTION OF THE
MANDATE ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY GIVEN BY THE PARIS UMMIT
LAST OCTOBER. HE EMPHASIZED THE CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN
INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND THE REGIONAL AND SOCIAL
POLICIES, POINTING OUT THAT PROGRESS ON THE INDUSTRIAL
POLICY DEPENDED UPON PROGRESS ON THE REGIONAL AND SOCIAL POLICIES.
HE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE COMMISSION, BEFORE THE END OF THE
YEAR, WOULD PRESENT THE COUNCIL WITH A PRECISE TIMETABLE SPELLING
OUT PRIORITIES AND ACTION THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN. THIS WOULD PERMIT
THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT AN ACTION PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRIAL POLICY
BY JANUARY 1, 1974 AS REQUESTED IN THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE PARIS
SUMMIT.

3. SPINELLI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HOPED THAT THE TIME-
TABLE TO BE DEVELOPED WOULD BE RESPECTED, THE ESSENTIAL
OBJECTIVE WAS TO END UP WITH CONCRETE RESULTS.
SPINELLI REPORTED THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES ARE TAKING PLACE
REGARDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING
INDUSTRIAL SECTORS: AIRCRAFT, COMPUTERS, PAPER,
SHIPBUILDING. HE ALSO PROMISED TO PRESENT FORMAL POLICY
PROPOSALS COVERING THESE SECTORS TO THE COUNCIL
BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AS WELL AS ONE ON MULTI-
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
THAT THE COUNCIL REACH A DECISIO ON AIRCRAFT POLICY
AND THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT BY
THE END OF THE YEAR (SEE REF B, PAGE 23).

4. COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH DESCRIBED THE COMMISSION'S
PROGRAM ON THE REMOVAL OF REMAINING BARRIERS TO
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INTERNAL COMMUNITY TRADE WHICH IS ALSO A PART OF THE
COMMISSION' S MEMORANDUM HE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE
OF A COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON THE SIMPLIFICATION OF
CUSTOMS FORMALITIES AND ALSO REPORTED THAT THE COMMISSION
HOPES TO DOUBLE THE PACE OF ITS PROGRAM ON STANDARDS.

5. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE ABOVE
PRESENTATIONS SHOWED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS APPROVED THE

GENERAL THRUST OF THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN THE MEMORANDUM
ALTHOUGH AN EC OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE COUNCIL'S
ATTITUDE COULD BEST BE DESCRIBED AS POSITIVE AND
POLITE BUT BASICALLY NON-COMMITTAL. THE CURRENT COUNCIL
PRESIDENT, DANISH FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER
NORGAARD, AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION INVITED THE
COMMISSION TO PRESENT ITS CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO
THE COUNCIL BY NOVEMBER 1. THIS WOULD MAKE IT
POSSIBLE TO HOLD A COUNCIL MEETING TO ESTABLISH AN
INDUSTRIAL POLICY ACTION PROGRAM BY JANUARY 1, 1974.
HE ALSO ASKED THE COMMISSION TO PRESENT PROPOSALS TO
SIMPLIFY CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

6. COMMENT: THE PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
COMMISSION MEMORANDUM ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND THE COUNCIL'S
REQUEST FOR AN ACTION PROGRAM WERE EXPECTED
AND IN FACT SOMEWHAT OVERDUE AS THE SUBJECT WAS
ORIGINALLY ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JULY 23. A
WELL PLACED COMMUNITY OFFICIAL INDICATED TO US THAT THE
NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MAY TURN OUT TO BE OF UNUSUAL
IMPORTANCE IN GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO THE INDUSTRIAL
POLICY PROGRAM.
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